

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. <sup>sub</sup><sub>act</sub> An information retrieval service system comprising:  
an information retrieval site connected to the Internet  
including:

5 a retrieval server, and  
a retrieval database, wherein

(1) said retrieval server of said information retrieval site  
is operative to fetch data representing details of services  
respectively provided by a plurality of information providing  
10 sites therefrom so as to store the data in said retrieval  
database, and is operative to retrieve data corresponding to  
information-retrieval input information, which is inputted  
from an information terminal, from said retrieval database  
according to the inputted information so as to cause a monitor  
15 of said information terminal to display data read by the  
retrieval.

2. The information retrieval service system according to  
claim 1, wherein

20 said retrieval server fetches data representing details  
of services, which are respectively provided by the plurality  
of information providing sites, therefrom by periodically  
accessing the plurality of information providing sites.

3. The information retrieval service system according to claim 1, wherein

a hyperlink indicating an Internet address of the information providing site providing the data is embedded in a data image that is displayed on said monitor of said information terminal by the retrieval performed by said retrieval server.

4. The information retrieval service system according to claim 1, wherein

said information retrieval site includes a user registration database for storing a profile of a preliminarily registered user, and

said retrieval server retrieves the data, which corresponds to the information-retrieval input information, according to a profile of a user, which is read from said user registration database.